

Trackless Trolleys.

The only system of trackless trolleys in the United States is that at Scranton, Pa., which has made a fair showing of success. In France and Germany a number of these lines, which have electrical automobiles operated by an overhead wire, have proved satisfactory, the only objection to them being the fact that they require twice the current used for cars operated over rails.

10,000 Plants for 16c.

This is a remarkable offer the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., makes. They will send you their big plant and seed catalog, together with enough seed to grow 1,000 fine, solid Cabbages, 2,000 delicious Carrots, 2,000 blanching, nutty Celery, 2,000 rich, buttery Lettuce, 1,000 splendid Onions, 1,000 rare, luscious Radishes, 1,000 gloriously brilliant Flowers. This great offer is made in order to induce you to try their warranted seeds—for when you once plant them you will grow no others, and

ALL FOR BUT 16c POSTAGE, providing you will return this notice, and if you will send them 20c in postage, they will add to the above a package of the famous Berliner Cauliflower. (W. N. U.)

Cuba's Mineral Products.

The mineral products of Cuba include gold, silver, mercury, zinc, copper, lead, manganese, asphalt, naphtha, petroleum graphite amianthus.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES are fast to light and washing.

Tuberculosis Victims.

In Russia 4,000 out of every 1,000,000 inhabitants die of tuberculosis; in France and Austria-Hungary, 3,000; in Germany, Ireland, Sweden and Switzerland, 2,000; and in England, Belgium, Scotland, Holland, Italy and Norway, 1,000.

Pho's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'HANES, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

CARRIED POLITENESS TOO FAR.

Act of Courtesy that Lost Lighthouse Official His Position.

Recently the British warship Sparrow visited the native kingdom of Tonga, in the south Pacific, over which the British government exercises a protectorate. Its ruler is a dusky and spirited young man who calls himself King George II. When the Sparrow was in the harbor of the Tongan capital a ball was to have been given on board. But the electric light failed and all sorts of expedients were resorted to for the purposes of illumination. An obliging customs official of high standing removed the light from one of the lighthouses in the harbor and took it aboard the Sparrow. For this risky piece of politeness he was dismissed by the Tongan government. The captain of the Sparrow interceded with King George on his behalf, but his majesty was inexorable, which indicates that he knows his business.

New System in British Army.

Confidential reports are henceforth to play an important part in British army discipline. Exact reporting is to be rigidly insisted upon. If the reports are favorable, a promise of accelerated promotion is held out to the officers; if the reverse, he will be condemned to retire from the profession for which he shows himself unfitted or too careless to qualify. Two adverse reports in succession will bring up the question of removal even to men of long standing; the juniors of less than three years' service will be incontinently dismissed if they do not show up well.

DR. FED HIMSELF.

Found the Food that Saved His Life.

A good old family physician with a lifetime experience in saving people finally found himself sick unto death.

Medicines failed and — but let him tell his own story. "For the first time in my life of sixty-one years I am impelled to publicly testify to the value of a largely advertised article and I certainly would not pen these lines except that, what seems to me a direct act of Providence, saved my life and I am impressed that it is a bounden duty to make it known.

"For 3 years I kept failing with stomach and liver disorders until I was reduced 70 lbs. from my normal weight. When I got too low to treat myself, 3 of my associate physicians advised me to 'put my house in order' for I would be quickly going the way of all mankind. Just about that time I was put on a diet of Grape-Nuts predigested food. Curiously enough it quickly began to build me up, appetite returned and in 15 days I gained 6 lbs. That started my return to health and really saved my life.

"A physician is naturally prejudiced against writing such a letter, but in this case I am willing to declare it from the housetops that the multiplied thousands who are now suffering as I did can find relief and health as easily and promptly by Grape-Nuts. If they only knew what to do. Sincerely and fraternally yours." Name of this prominent physician furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

FROM THE COURT RECORDS

Young Silas Watkins stole a ham—a theft most reprehensible. And then engaged a counselor, (which certainly was sensible.) They plunged him in a dungeon deep, a dungeon grim and terrible. The while his lawyer went to court upon a mission errorful. And when he found at once the whole proceeding could be "busted," he sued out a habeas corpus and took Silas out of custody.

In court his learned counsel urged with dignified suavity. The dangers of sunseemly haste in matters of such gravity. The prosecution's bitterness he held unjustifiable. "The Justice, with her blinded eyes, before whom we are triable!" And after hours of argument, with growing heat and frictional, He took a change of venue on a question jurisdictional.

Whereat the counsel got a stay of trial for a year or two. To find a missing witness, (who was dead, I have a fear or two!) The years rolled on, they tried him and unmercifully depicted him. The commonest of layabouts; the jurors then convicted him. "No chance for Silas!" cried his lawyer. "Yes, I say, indeed he has!" Upon the which he went to court and got a supersedeas.

"Good cheer!" said he to Silas. "You will soon be on your feet again. While Silas gave a bail bond and was straightway on the street again. A monstrous abstract then they filed, the lawyer made a noise and fuss. Until, within a year or two, the court gave them a syllabus. Which, stripped of all its verbiage and law and technicality, But reaffirmed the verdict based on Silas' proved rascality.

"Odds blood!" cried Silas' counsel to his client. "When I've read you this, You'll see the entire finding simply reeks with flaws and prejudice. To fall shall any citizen for stealing of a hock be sent?" Straightway, the which, he went to court and filed another document. "No sheriff shall arrest him, Sir, on any legal sham as grim. As this, and if a Sheriff tries, I'll certainly mandamus him!"

Again upon the solemn court, with masterful urbanity. He urged a close inquiry by an expert on insanity. Who felt the bumps on Silas' head, who found profound rascality. Who in a year made his report of "obvious normality." Long Silas' counsel studied it, by methods not revealable. And finally concluded the decision was appealable!

Good Silas gave another bond to stay his jail procession. Good Silas' counsel labored with an arduous quite professional. Until he got an order from the highest court available. ("That, as the statutes read, there was a question if 'was' jailable.") The court below should try again, and though they might acquit it, or Convict it, they must try again!—so stated the remittitur!

The witnesses, those gray old men, recalled the ancient history Of Silas' crime with halting speech, and deep and dark the mystery To them of why they were recalled, with quivering tones, in truthfulness. They told again the old tale of Silas' erring youthfulness. The jurors held he could not change his spots; but, like the leopard, he, So Silas' counsel straightway held he had been twice in jeopardy!

Alas! So intricate a case, with all the points involvable! Death took Silas, and to dust found him to be resolvable. Took him for reasons, good, perhaps, but which were not revealable. And Silas' counsel found, black, the judgment not appealable! But back to court he strode when sure that Charon o'er had ferried him. And cried: "I want a nol pros. for my client—we have buried him!" —J. W. Foley, in New York Times.

Have But Brief Day

Just as horses depreciate so do jockeys. The outlaw tracks and bushes are full of jockeys who were once stars on the race courses. Jockeys who made fortunes a few seasons ago are now hustling for mounts and when they secure one it is usually some outsider that cannot win.

Willie Sims, the jockey who won fame and fortune for the Dwyer brothers, a boy who once held the privilege of selecting his own engagements, is amongst the number who are now hustling for mounts. Even his old-time employer, Mike Dwyer, puts a stable boy up in preference to the once famous Sims. Sims claims he can ride as well as ever, but no boy on earth could ride a winner on the horses he has been forced to ride.

Fred Taral is another living example of the man who has gone backward. Five years ago Taral was America's greatest jockey. Every prominent stable in the country was after him. A year later the class of his mounts began to depreciate. He

saw that he was losing his grip. A new style of riding was coming into vogue. Taral discovered it and packed his trunk and left for Australia.

"Soup" Perkins, who piloted the great Henry of Navarre, when the thoroughbred was America's greatest 3-year-old, has been eking out an existence at the Newport track. "Tiny" Moore, who was once the jockey of the Lorillards, secures an occasional mount at Newport. This lad is capable of riding at a reasonable weight, but last season, when he made his appearance in the east, he was not given a decent mount.

At Chicago "Tiny" Williams lands a mount occasionally. Sometimes he wins, but his victories are few and far between. Stoval, another worthy lad, died poor at St. Louis. At the time of his death he could not secure a mount. And so on down the list indefinitely. The jockeys have their brief period of success and then fade out of the public mind and are forgotten, left too often without any means to live upon.

Pilgrims Were the First

"Forefathers' Day" was observed at the First Unitarian church in Oakland, Cal., on the evening of Dec. 26. Col. John P. Irish presided, and related in brief the causes which led the Pilgrims to forsake their native land and cast their lot in a new and strange country.

The acting pastor of the Berkeley Unitarian church, the Rev. George W. Stone, who was formerly the Historian of the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, delivered the address of the day, which took the form of a study of the Pilgrim era. He defined at length the difference between the Puritans and the Pilgrims. In part he said:

"Bear in mind that the 'Scrooby' congregation was the last organization of Separatists that existed in England at that time; that it fled to Holland in 1607, and after thirteen years' residence there it came in the Mayflower to America and founded the Pilgrim Republic at Plymouth in 1620. Notice that it was thirteen

years after the Pilgrims left England and eight years after they planted the Scrooby church at Plymouth that the Puritans left England. The Puritans landed at Salem, and there the first Puritan church in America was established. In 1628.

"This church was at first an Episcopal church, but, under the influence of Surgeon Fuller of Plymouth, who was sent to Salem to assist during the prevalence of what is called in the records 'a plague,' the Congregational system was adopted. This was accomplished under the lead of Gov. Endicott, in 1629. The Pilgrims, therefore, were the pioneers in the settlement of this country, and to them, rather than to the Puritans, do we owe what is best in our national life, and I might add, most of those principles and practices which differentiate us from the other nations of the earth. Let us remember, also, that the Pilgrims, and not the Puritans, were the founders of Congregationalism in Europe and in America." —San Francisco Chronicle.

Significant Name.

Rev. Dr. William T. McElevan, on the intelligent use of Scripture: "When I was a younger man I met a colored woman in Tennessee, who named her son 'Judas Iscariot,' and when I asked her why, she said: 'Dat's a Scripture name, massa. I read in ma Bible dat it was good for dat man he neber been bawn. Well, me an' ma old man had sixteen children 'fore dis one come, and we jes' called him Judas Iscariot.'"

Life.

A catch of breath, a rising sun, A few gray clouds, life's race begun. Youth scales the heights love seeks its end, Wealth comes and goes, ties break and mend. A few good friends, a tear, a smile, Some days of cheer, a sign meanwhile. Time's text of change, old friends depart, Late thoughts grow wise, grace leads the heart. The sun drops down, the clouds swing low, A few farewells, then time to go. —Clifford Kane Stout.

HOW BRET HARTE LOOKED.

Winning Personality of the Great California Author.

Mr. Howells gives us some charming reminiscences of Bret Harte in the Easy Chair of Harper's, relating to a week's visit Harte paid him when the latter came East from California. Mr. Howells thus describes the author of "The Luck of Roaring Camp": "He was then, as always, a child of extreme fashion as to his clothes and the cut of his beard, which he wore in a mustache and the drooping side whiskers of the day, and his jovial physiognomy was as winning as his voice, with its straight nose and fascinating forward thrust of the under lip, its fine eyes, and good forehead, then thickly crowned with black hair which grew early white, while his mustache remained dark. . . . He was, as one could not help seeing, thickly plumed, but after the first glance one forgot this." —Pittsburg Press.

Sense of Smell in the Aged.

Old people have an atrophied sense of smell, and they do not seem to be conscious of this infirmity. Even when they can scarcely distinguish one familiar odor in ten, and when they take strong smelling liquids for pure water, they assert that they enjoy the perfume of flowers. Their visual images, for they recognize the perfume of flowers when they are able to see them. The olfactory image thus has an independent intellectual existence, since it is capable of functional revivification.

A Dentist's Advice.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 25th.—Mr. Harry L. Lewis, Dentist, 607 Summit street, this city, says: "I certainly advise anyone, no matter how severe they may have Kidney Trouble to take Dodd's Kidney Pills."

"I was troubled with Kidney Disease for several years and Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me. I had used many so-called remedies without any benefit. Four months ago, I was flat on my back with this painful trouble and must say that I almost gave up hopes of ever getting any better. Through a friend's advice I purchased six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills."

"At first I could see but little benefit, but after two weeks, I could see an improvement. I had been getting up several times at night and pains in my back were very severe. When I had taken six boxes I felt better than I had for years. The pain had all gone and I didn't have to get up during the night at all. I continued the treatment until I had used several more boxes, and now I am glad to say that I am completely cured."

She Took Them at Their Word.

Kenia Lake is one of the most attractive of the great chain of lakes in the interior of New York state. Bluff Point at its head is a bold promontory, which rises grandly and impressively. It was upon the banks of this lake that the famous "Jemima Wilkinson" founded a colony nearly three generations ago and announced that she could walk upon the water of the lake. A large crowd gathered to see her undertake the experiment. Turning to her followers she asked: "Have you all faith that I can walk upon the water?" "We have, we have!" her followers replied. Then there is no use in my undertaking to do so," she replied. "If ye have faith ye shall be saved without my walking upon the water."

Teosinte and Billion Dollar Grass.

The two greatest fodder plants on earth, one good for 14 tons hay and the other 80 tons green fodder per acre. Grows everywhere, so does Victoria Rape, yielding 60,000 lbs. sheep and swine food per acre.

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John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive in return their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples. (W. N. U.)

Grant's Size.

Ethel was making her first visit to the metropolis and her eyes were big and wide with wonder at all the strange and curious things she had seen and heard. She had seen Coney, the dazzling; Brooklyn bridge, the wonderful; Central Park, the beautiful, and all the sights which her young aunt had selected for her to see. Finally they came to Grant's tomb as the last thing to be seen and remembered. Ethel stood thoughtful a few moments looking down upon the sarcophagus, then she whispered, overcome with the immense size of it all: "Auntie Claude, was he a giant?" —Boston Journal.

To Cure a Cold in One day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Powerful Cannon.

With 385 pounds of smokeless powder, the new 40-cal. or twelve-inch gun will send an 850-pound armor-piercing shell through nineteen and five-tenths inches of harveized nickel steel armor at a distance of a mile and a half.

Uniforms for Army Electricians.

The master electricians and the electrician sergeants of the newly created corps of the army will be designated by a symbol of white metal resembling forked lightning inclosed within a wreath of gilt metal. The uniform trousers of these officers will show a scarlet stripe.



LASTING RELIEF.

J. W. Walls, Superintendent of Streets of Lebanon, Ky., says:

"My nightly rest was broken, owing to irregularities of the kidneys. I suffered intensely from severe pains in the small of my back and through the kidneys and was annoyed by painful passages of abnormal secretions. Doctors failed to relieve me. I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and I experienced quick and lasting relief. Doan's Kidney Pills will prove a blessing to all sufferers from kidney disorders who will give them a fair trial."

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., proprietors. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

Sanitary Conditions Improve.

In the city of New York alone there are 150,000 people living to-day who would be dead if the mortality of fifty years ago still prevailed.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

NEVER WITHOUT A CHAPERON.

Dutch Girls Always Attended by Their Elders.

The Dutch girl does not enjoy anything like the amount of freedom granted to her English or American sister. She is a very carefully chaperoned young person and when she goes to the theater it is with her elders, not merely with a friend or two of her own age. At the dances she attends, songs, recitations and music for the entertainment of the elders form a part of the regular program and the chaperons sit at tables socially enjoying their coffee or other refreshments, while the young folk glide over the waxed floor to the strains of the latest waltz. Dutch maidens have to make the best of their opportunities of amusement, for when it pleases their parents to seek the quiet of home they must meekly accompany them. In their country the idea of a girl being unchaperoned at a dance is not to be thought of—at any rate, not yet!

Fire Station Equipment.

Every fire station in Berlin has now been equipped with an oxygen apparatus to revive persons overcome by smoke or heat. Ordinary citizens may also have the loan of the apparatus in cases of urgent need.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY, Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1899.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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Mongolia.

Although Mongolia, in which Russia is now entrenched, has been a part of the Chinese empire for the greater part of the last two centuries, China has not exercised much authority over it, and the Mongol has been largely at liberty to follow his own desires in method of government and conduct. The only tribute which has heretofore been required from the country has been a certain number of men to serve in the Chinese army.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Newfoundland Seals.

The seals of Newfoundland are not fur-bearing, but are killed in large numbers for their skin and fat. The skins are used to make patent leather and "kid" gloves; the fat for fine soups.

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

Gives to Salzer's Oats its heartiest endorsement. Salzer's New National Oats yielded in 1903 from 150 to 300 bu. per acre in 30 different States, and you, Mr. Farmer, can beat this in 1904, if you will. Salzer's seeds are pedigree seeds, bred up through careful selection to big yields.

Per Acre. Salzer's Headless Barley yielded 121 bu. Salzer's Home Builder Corn. 300 bu. Speltz and Macaroni Wheat. 80 bu. Salzer's Victoria Rape. 60,000 lbs. Salzer's Teosinte, the quick-growing fodder wonder. 160,000 lbs. Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass. 50,000 lbs. Salzer's Pedigree Potatoes. 1,000 bu. Now such yields pay and you can have them. Mr. Farmer, in 1904.

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Cultivating Corn.

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